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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INFORMATION RE AVAILABILITY OF SWISS/GERMAN  
SCRIBING MACHINE TO EASTNEUROPE

1) IL-CONTROLLED US ORIGIN SCRIBING MACHINE (TEMPTRESS  
MODEL 601 MANUFACTURED BY SOLA BASIC INDUSTRY, MILWAUKEE)  
PROPOSED FOR EXPORT TO ROMANIA IS PENDING APPEAL ON  
DENIAL DECISION OF USG. IN SUPPORT OF RESUBMISSION SOLA  
CLAIMS SWISS MANUFACTURER, KARL SUSS, MAKES COMPARABLE  
SCRIBING MACINES AND THAT THE SUSS MACHINES HAVE BEEN  
AND ARE BEING SOLD TO EASTERN EUROPE.

2) LITERATURE WAS FURNISHED ON A KSM RITZAUTOMAT "3",  
WHICH SHOWS THE MANUFACTURER AS KARL SUSS, MUNICH. FURTHER,  
IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE MACHINE IS MANUFACTURED IN THE  
FRG UNDER CONTRACT USING SUSS DESIGN DATA. EQUIPMENT IS  
THEN SHIPPED TO THE CORPORATE ESTABLISHMENT IN SWITZERLAND  
FROM WHICH SAID EQUIPMENT IS SOLD AND EXPORTED WITHOUT  
APPARENT RESTRICTION. A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH SUSS  
HAS BEEN MENTIONED REGARDING A SECOND FRG FIRM KNOWN AS  
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3) COMMERCE INTEREST IN ARRANGEMENT NOT PROMPTED BY SUSPICIONS OF UNTOWARD ACTIVITY, BUT BY DESIRE TO KNOW IF US FIRM INDEED HAS COMPETITION THAT MIGHT RENDER A DENIAL DECISION INEFFECTIVE.

4) EMBASSY BERN AND CONGEN MUNICH THEREFORE REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO CONFIRM WHETHER SWITZERLAND IS COUNTRY OF EXPORT OF SUCH FINISHED MACHINES, AND WHETHER SUCH ARE EXPORTED TO EASTERN EUROPE. IF FRG AUTHORITIES SHARE OUR INTERPRETATION, EXPORTS FROM FRG WOULD INVOLVE PRIOR COCOM CLEARANCE. COCOM RECORDS DO NOT, HOWEVER, REVEAL ANY SUCH REQUESTS.

5) COMMERCE AWARE EMBASSY BERN MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM GOS UNTIL SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING SUSS ARRANGEMENTS, CONTRACTUAL OR LICENSING, WITH GERMAN FIRMS BECOMES AVAILABLE AND CAN BE GIVEN TO GOS OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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